

**Village Council
Monday,
March 2, 2009
7:00 PM**

Minutes

Call to Order: Mr. Deeds called the meeting to order at 6:58pm

Pledge of Allegiance: Mr. Paini led the Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call:

John Bender Rick Deeds Victor Paini Marilyn Rush-Ekelberry Leah Turner

Mrs. Rush-Ekelberry moved to excuse Mrs. Mershon and Mr. Jarvis. Dr. Bender seconded the motion.

VOTE: **AYES** Dr. Bender, Mr. Paini, Mrs. Turner
Mr. Deeds, Mrs. Rush-Ekelberry

NAYS
Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes:

Approval of the minutes from the February 16th, 2009 meeting was held until the next meeting for lack of quorum.

Communications & Petitions:

Doug Snyder spoke on behalf of the Scouts on the Third Annual Scout for Food Drive – Saturday, March 14, 2009. He asked for the Council's support in form of a Proclamation declaring that "Scouting for Food" Day.

Village Residents Comments:

Five-minute limit per person

Jeffrey Bond, of 146 Washington Street, requested a year-to-date figure for fines from Mayor's Court. He also stated that he doesn't believe that EMH&T is not representing us fairly. There is a conflict when they also represent million-dollar companies and that concerns him. They provide great services at a great rate, but the potential for conflict of interest is too great.

VOTE: **AYES** Dr. Bender, Mr. Paini, Mrs. Turner
 Mr. Deeds, Mrs. Rush-Ekelberry
 NAYS
 Motion carried.

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 Motion carried.

Mayor Ebert stated that the Staff Retreat went well. A lot of topics were discussed regarding review of 2008 and focus on projects in 2009 and beyond. It was discussed that spending would be watched carefully this year in response to the economy.

Public Works Director:

Mr. Peoples reported that they were looking through the stimulus and submitting requests for possible funds. A certified local government grant was submitted through the Ohio Historic Preservation office for some renovations to Town Hall.

Mr. Paini asked if there was a time line for stimulus funding. Mr. Peoples stated that the final submission for highway funds is due Thursday and the decision date is yet to be determined.

Dr. Bender appreciates Mr. Peoples aggressiveness in going for funding from stimulus funding. Discussion ensued.

Development Director:

Mr. Strayer stated that he met with most of the council members and receiving feedback and he appreciates their time and input.

The annual CRA Housing tour is on March 18th.

Last week, he was at the ICSC Midwest Idea Exchange. This year, there seems to not be a lot going on in the industry due to the lending issues and economy. Everyone seems to be in conservation mode. That is projected to begin to change within the next 6-8 months.

Columbus, when compared to the region as a whole, ranked 9th in housing growth in the third quarter last year...in the fourth quarter, it ranked first. It is not as bleak here specifically as it seems in the media.

Community Affairs Director:

Ms. Hoover stated that the Community Newsletter came out last week.

The intern for the Community Affairs Department begins tomorrow. He attends Ohio Dominican and is from the Obetz area. He will be working 15 hours a week.

Village Solicitor: See written report.

Fairfield County Sheriff:

A new Dodge cruiser will be ordered again this year. An article will run in This Week on Deputy Dixon and his receipt of the Deputy of the Year award. Sgt Kern read his report.

Finance Director:

Ms. Osborn gave Council the 2008 Annual Financial Report in their packets.

Bed tax grant applications and Building grant applications are coming in.

Council Reports:

Old Town Committee	Monday, March 9, 2009 at 5:45 PM
Finance Committee	Monday, April 6, 2009 at 5:45 PM
Service Committee	Monday, March 16, 2009 at 5:45 PM
Safety Committee	Monday, March 9, 2009 at 5:00 PM
Committee of Whole	Monday, March 30, 2009 at 6:30 PM (First Hour Joint with P & Z)
Public Hearing	Monday, April 6, 2009 at 6:30 PM Zoning Text Amendments

New Business:

Mrs. Rush-Ekelberry stated that the roof of the Interurban Depot is beautiful.

The Special Recreation Committee will be meeting on the 4th Wednesday to March.

Mrs. Turner asked Dr. Bender about his meeting with the schools. Dr. Bender stated that they are getting the word out that parents that host parties with alcohol for minors will be held responsible.

Old Business:

Gender Rd. light timing was looked at and there will be a meeting with Traffic Engineers next week to come up with a timing plan and the school will have its own sequence at Gender / Fox Hill.

Adjourn to Executive Session: No need this evening.

Adjournment:

Mr. Paini moved to adjourn the meeting. Dr. Bender seconded the motion.

VOTE:

AYES	Dr. Bender, Mr. Paini, Mrs. Turner Mr. Deeds, Mrs. Rush-Ekelberry
NAYS	

Motion carried. Time out 7:43pm

Clerk of Council

President of Council

Date

Mayor

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